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President's Message:

Well it looks like we all survived the ANA Convention in San Francisco in July. For me, I enjoyed the trip from Vallejo via a Ferry boat ride and finding my way to the convention. Meeting old acquaintances and meeting others for the first time was a great pleasure. Then finally making my way thru the bourse, exhibits and the educational programs, what an experience! Being there on opening day was not enough for me, so I ended up doing it all over again the next day. At this time, I would like to congratulate the members of the San Jose Coin Club for being the host club of the convention and all the other club members that volunteered their time - great job!!

The Board is making arrangements for the upcoming two day NorCal VI Coin Show in December and the Fremont Coin Club will again be the host club at the Elk's Hall and the banquet maybe be held there in an informal format, watch for further details. Hope to see you in December, if not before.

We did not receive any nominations for the Ron Miller Award by the deadline date, so there will be no presentation but we are working on the first time ever President's Award, be there and find out just who will be the recipients.

I'm still trying to attend as many club meetings, coin shows and club activities so I can get to meet more of you and getting acquainted. Keep supporting your club activities and the hobby.

There are still a few more coin shows before our December NorCall Show, hope to see you at one, two or all of them.....

Until we meet, stay well and enjoy the hobby,

Yours sincerely,

Harry W. Davis

Harry W. Davis, President

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MINTMASTER's QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Numismatic Neighbors,

Hello! It is the differentiating characteristic of those who care and have compassion to remember those who can no longer enjoy that care and compassion. Thus, it is fitting, and it is even obligated, that I remember and respect, here and now, my first and still foremost numismatic mentor, William Frealin 'Bill' Cummings (1902-1980).

Bill passed away twenty-five (25) years ago on September 12, 1980, just twenty minutes or so after my final visit with him at Vallejo, California's Kaiser Hospital. Twenty-five (25) years is a long time, and enough years, to some readers, to long forget and 'get-on-with-one's-life'. True. But, I am speaking of a mentor, someone who assisted me to be where I am today. That cannot be dismissed in days, weeks, months, or years. It is the characteristic of those who do care and do have compassion to never forget and to remember. This is why I write this here and now.

Bill was a mentor. His lessons were short and simple, neither elaborate nor lofty. His lessons did not inspire, for inspiration must come from a variety of influences. His lessons did not ignite, for that must be personal. Rather, his lessons, and these were few, came from quiet sharing and thought, not eloquent arguments and superior reason.

Trust. Bill's first lesson was trust. A simple scribbled IOU or a handshake was all that was need to confirm a transaction. He trusted me to pay, and he trusted me to be honest. We always were.

Devotion. Bill's second lesson was intensity. He loved coins, and stamps, too. He once shared that he could stay-up all night and go through an entire old Mason jar of coins, one-by-one.

Friendships. Bill would walk into any meeting of the Vallejo (California) Numismatic Society or Vallejo Stamp Club, and then a long line of members and visitors would come by where he sat----*and he always sat in the same seat and table*----and say their greetings and share their updates.

Stamps and Coins. Bill was among the last dual hobbyists who found plus practiced and preached equal enjoyment with and in both stamps and coins. He was a Charter Member of the both the Vallejo Numismatic Society and Vallejo Stamp Club.

Listen. Bill, who had a fair share of experiences, once remarked----*and a mentor only has to say a lesson once*----that always listen and then learn what you might believe may be wrong as well as right.

Not all of these lessons have much to do with our hobby, but a mentor does not just instruct on our hobby: he or she should instruct on life and living.

Bill and I were so different. I was in my 20s, fresh from college. He was in his 70s. I was already a card-carrying Republican. He was an old New Deal labor advocate. I was trained to teach. He had been a steam locomotive fireman----*the old style with a large shovel*----and engineer. I remained single. He had been married thrice. He watched seven (7) weekday morning soap operas straight through. I watched the news, if any television. His jokes never required profanity. I needed soap to wash my month. Our contrasts continued.

But, it was numismatics, and philately, that brought us together and united us into friendship, which we shared only brief five or so years. Only Five Years. Yet a mentor does not need decades to inspire and to ignite.

Bill's other lesson, or maybe hope, was a passing comment, and I cannot remember when or where or even why he remarked it. He remarked that "I would go far". That is all.

"Bill, I have yet to go far. But, our brief years together remain only the start. I have yet to go far, but I shall".

"Bill, our sovereign Mintmaster, shall bless us again to meet. We still have tales and times to share. In the meantime, as you instilled, 'remember, have fun with your hobby' ".

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini
Editor

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

2005 Nor-Cal VI Coin Show

Nor-Cal VI Coin Show
***Saturday and Sunday,* December 3 and 4, 2005**
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, *Saturday,* and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, *Sunday*
Elks (BPOE) Lodge #2121
38911 Farwell Drive, *off Mowry,* in Fremont, California

Host Coin Club:	Fremont (California) Coin Club
Bourse:	Vincent O. Lacariere Fremont Coin Gallery 3769 Peralta Blvd., Suite #L Fremont, California, 94536-3758 707-792-1511 or coinvince@aol.com
Information:	Gordon R. Donnell PO Box 20372 Oakland, California 94620-0372 510-547-0518
Speakers:	10:30 PM, *Saturday,* December 3, 2005 Dr. Michael F. Wehner, *'Cable Car Collectibles'* 1:30 PM, *Saturday,* December 3, 2005 Richard G. Kelly and Nancy Y. Oliver, *'Stories of Theft and Death at The San Francisco Mint'* 3:00 PM, *Saturday,* December 3, 2005 Jeff Shelvin, *'San Francisco So-Called Dollars'*
Youth Activities:	*Youth Table and Youth Treasure Hunt, Both Days,* Dr. Walter A. Ostromecki, Jr.
Error Table	'Error Duo', Lee H. Gong and Michael S. Turrini, Both Days
Show Dinner:	Buffet, *tentatively,* set for and at the Elks Lodge #2121, *Saturday,* December 3, 2005 evening, 7:00 PM. Causal and Informal.
Admission:	FREE!
Parking:	Ample Free and Convenient Parking

In addition, there are planned drawings, free hobby information, and exhibits. Potential exhibitors are welcomed to contact Your Editor. Both competitive and non-competitive exhibits are invited. Reservations to the anticipated Saturday evening Show Dinner should be available by November 2005. Inquiries may to *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'* You may also contact President Harry W. Davis at *707-642-0216.*

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2005 'Miller Medal'

As President Harry W. Davis reported, the Board of Directors received no nominations, although a few names had been anticipated. The Board of Director's decision and declaration remains that the annual June 30th deadline and the need for creditable written nominations are mandatory and absolute.

'President's Medal'

The Board of Directors, at last, did approve and authorized a new award, *'The President's Medal'*, and directed that two (2) be presented before the year's end. A copy of this award's governing Policy is reproduced on Page 11 of this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue. President Harry W. Davis would welcome suggestions of individuals, who could be honored, and he does anticipate presenting five (5) during the remaining months of 2005.

2006 Club Medal

As is traditional, NCNA plans to do a club medal in 2006, and the Board of Directors has selected the theme of the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire. Order Forms are planned to be included with the January 2006 NCNA HEADS AND TALES.

1981 Club Medal

The Association has a supply of the golden bronze *1981 Seventy-Fifth (75th) San Francisco Earthquake and Fire Anniversary Medals* left at $3.00 each or $5.00, if mailing required. These could be nice additions to the anticipated 'Centennial' issue in 2006. Orders, with payment and preference for delivery: mailed or hand-delivered if possible, may be placed at *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'*. This 1981 issue was designed by former President and Treasurer Edward Sins.

Next Board of Directors Meetings

Two meetings of the Association's governing Board of Directors are scheduled for the remainder of 2005 as follows:

***Sunday,* September 18, 2005, 10:30 AM, Fairfield Coin Club's Sixteenth (16th) Annual Show, Fairfield, California,** *and*

***Sunday,* November 13, 2005, 11:00 AM, Peninsula Coin Club's Twenty-Sixth (26th) Annual Show, San Jose, California.**

Needless to say, all Club Delegates are welcomed to attend, and information as to location and directions may be telephoned with Gordon R. Donnell at *510-547-0518*.

Speaker Service

After a long hiatus, our Association is progressing toward a 'Speaker Service': names, topics, availability, and stipulations. The intended roster is in its embryonic stage: just the beginning; however, potential speakers and their topics and titles are solicited. In the meantime, Your Editor, as convenient and not conflicting with other obligations, remains most willing, within limitations, to address northern California local coin clubs, deriving from his repertoire of diverse and interesting subjects.

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club News and Happenings.

Hello! In the May 2005 Issue, Your Editor denoted the local Editors, and in this September 2005 NCNA HEADS AND TALES Issue, the current Presidents are credited. Needless to say, local coin clubs remain welcomed to contact Your Editor via *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'* or via his home e-mail at EMPERORI@juno.com.

ALAMEDA COIN CLUB Current President **Gordon R. Donnell.** The ACC writes that it is still seeking a meeting place, even though it changed its monthly meetings to the First Tuesday evening to avoid conflicts with the neighboring Fremont Coin Club. The Club's temporary meeting site is 'Juanita's Restaurant, at 1324 Park Street'. The ACC held its May 22, 2005 Coin Show, and your Assistant Editor attended most hours with a combination 'youth and information table', and ACC President **Gordon R. Donnell** even had time, while out with his other hobby, 'smoking', to locate some 'road kill': as he reported, "yeah, the Quarter was laying right there before me. What Luck!". **Chuck Call** has become the Club's Auctioneer, and the return of an Auction has enhanced attendance.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB Current President **Richard Boston**. The CCC's June 10, 2005 meeting was its annual 'Other Hobbies Night' with these participants: **Mary Gallegos**, Troll Dolls, **Reuben Gallegos**, LP Records and Dean Martin autographed records, **Mario Miramontes**, Autographed Music Memorabilia, **Bob Thomas**, Reading Historical Biographies, **Gary Acquistapace**, Casino cold drink cups, **Ryan Johnson**, Medieval Scale Models, **Sally Johnson**, her daughter's Girl Scout Patches, **Alan Douglass**, Electric Neon Beer Signs (*Note*: **Alan**, Any Beer?), **Shannon Barrie**, Reading Medal and Award, **George Tyson**, Blood Donations (*Note:* He is credited with seventy-nine (79) pints, almost eight (8) gallons!), **Don Burns**, Genealogy, **Kathleen Soderstorm**, "hotel soap/shampoo/caps/wash cloths assembled into gift baskets and donated to the poor and homeless", **Richard James**, Clarinet Solo Playing, **Greg Tyson**, Juggling, **Emile Mestressat**, Scouting, and **Bill Peavey**, Stamps. The CCC's July 8, 2005 meeting was its 'Annual Hot Dog Night' with credit to Chairpersons **Nancy Perkins** and **Patrick Perkins**. The only complaint was "too bad that we were not outside in a quiet park". Earlier, at the May 13, 2005, **Gordon R. Donnell** spoke on *'History of Wooden Money'* and "showed many examples of early wooden money from his extensive collection".

DELTA COIN CLUB Current President **Tony Rantz**. The DCC gathered for its famous Annual Picnic at Lodi, California's Micke's Grove: 'nearly forty-six (46) members and quests braved the one hundred (100*) degree weather to attend Delta's Annual Picnic...The cooks included **Syd Kass, Loris Enzminger, Bill Horning**, and **Dale Olson**. They did an excellent job out in the burning heat...After eating, the next event was the 'Egg-Toss Game'. The usual champs were missing from the **Carmen and Kendrick Families**, but the brother and sister combination of **Jaci and John Leuenberger**, were the new champs, while our own President **Tony Rantz** had to wash fresh egg off his stained shirt! Of course, we had the usual 'Pennies-In-The-Jar'. Most guesses were too high. My [**Syd Kass**] was about four hundred (400) too high. Golly, how many pennies can fit into a half pint jar? Don't Know? Ask **Jaci Leuenberger**. Her guess was seven hundred fifty (750) while the actual count was seven hundred twenty-two (722). A Double Win! For Jaci, this was her luck day!". The 2006 Delta Coin Club Annual Picnic has already been set: July 30, 2006, same site.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Current President **James H. Laird**. The DNS also had its Annual Picnic, held this year in the newly renovated and refurbished designer backyard and show-cased garden of **Michael and Nancy-Jo Stanley** at their Concord, California home, on Sunday, July 17, 2005. Equally a hot day, **Mike Stanley** manned the barbecue, and President James H. Laird did the welcomes and remarks. A record crowd was present. Earlier, at the June 16, 2005 meeting, Donald R. Barsi reviewed *'Sales Tax Tokens'*, and at the July 21, 2005 meeting, Beth Stockholm spoke on

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'Artificially Toned Coins'. Several DNSers were heavily involved and committed to the recent July 2005 American Numismatic Association (ANA) Convention in San Francisco, California, and they were: **Gordon R. Donnell, James H. Laird, Michael M. Stanley**, and **Michael S. Turrini.**

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB Current President **Russell Leach.** The FCC joined its neighbor, the Vallejo Numismatic Society, with its *'Second Annual Joe Sirois Memorial Fly-In'* at the Napa County Airport this past Saturday, July 2, 2005. It again was a nicely attended and enjoyed event, with host **Tom Rhyme**, who even included brief flights with his private airplane. The FCC combined its Annual Hot-Dog Night and Bingo Night together for its August 24, 2005 meeting. By the time this CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIST is mailed, the FCC's Sixteenth (16th) Annual Fairfield Coin Show, September 18, 2005, shall be history, and much of its success would be traced to its combination Bourse, Publicity, and General Chairperson, **Robert F. Tedder**, who for his diligence to the FCC and neighboring Vallejo Numismatic Society and Solano Silver Round Club, was bestowed, on August 3, 2005, an American Numismatic Association (ANA) *'Regional Coordinator's Citation'* by Northern California Regional Coordinator **Michael S. Turrini**. The FCC ended its Summer 2005 with combination 'Hot Dog Night' and 'Bingo' at its August 24, 2005 meeting.

FREMONT COIN CLUB Current President **Alan Douglass**. At the June 28, 2005 meeting, Your Assistant Editor brought his 'road show', *'Books You Need; Books You Read'*, and these members present participated, sharing various and diverse books and numismatic references: **Ken Barr, Monty Briton, Gordon R. Donnell, Donald R. Barsi, Alstair Skinner, JC Wang, Alan Douglass, Bill Burke, Michael S. Turrini**, and **Roger Lyles**. This was followed at the next meeting, July 12, 2005, with *'Personal Safety'* by **Wei Chang**, which was quite informative and educating.

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Current President **James Obler**. 'Numismatic News Hounds', 'Numismatic Metallurgists', 'Numismatic Crusaders', 'Numismatic Merrymakers', and 'Numismatic Cherubs'. What Do These Titles Have In Common? These have all been printed by FRESNO NUMISMATIST Editor **Randy Clifton's**----*"who has been studying for a State Certification required for his municipal work, preparing for a Class A Driver's Examination, and readying his house for sale", while doing the monthly FRESNO NUMISMATIST*----invite to FNS members to attend the Society's monthly meetings. Your Editor wonders how many nouns and names that **Randy** might attempt. My favorite is 'Crusaders' and certainly not 'cherubs'! *Sorry, Randy!*

GATEWAY COIN CLUB Current President **Renne Buckingham.** Heard your Assistant Editor speak and show slides of the *'1986 Silver Eagle First Strike Ceremony'* at the San Francisco Mint at its July 7, 2005, continuing an annual tradition, But far more important, what was reported in the Club's August 2005 COINNECTIONS: "Your Editor [**John Hoffman**] received a telephone call from of Gateway's 'old timers', a couple of week ago, suggesting that the Club might want to consider 'an inspirational meeting', that is, a meeting to discuss such topics as the upcoming leadership, while he praised President **Renee Buckingham** complimenting her for her conscientious and responsible leadership over the nearly past two years but stressing that it was key to get a good person to follow her for the next couple of pivotal years, our need for new younger collectors, and our critical need for more members interested in both the hobby and our Club's activities". As **John Hoffman** retorted, "kind of hits it right on the head, doesn't it?".

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Current President **David C. 'Curly' Evans**. The LNS June 20, 2005 meeting heard **Michael S. Turrini** present the wrong slides: instead of the *'First Strike Ceremony of the Statue of Liberty Commemorative Coins at the San Francisco Mint'*, it was the *'First Strike Ceremony of the Congressional Bicentennial Coins at the United States Capital Building'*. Oops! **Mr. Turrini** readily "agreed to return to our meeting in August to make the 'correct' presentation'. Wow!

Two presentations In One Year! We Are Honored. Anyway, his June meeting was vintage 'first strike stuff' done in Washington, DC, and showed how our political representatives handle 'first strikes', security, who gets what, and such. It was extremely interesting to view how the Philadelphia Mint relocated four coinage presses within walking distance of the United States Capital. Very Well Done, **Michael**. Thanks For A Great Program!". At the August 17, 2005, **Mr. Turrini** did return with the *'October 18, 1985 Statute of Liberty Commemorative Coinage First Strike Ceremony'*, the only known photographic record of the event. Earlier, at the LNS' July 20, 2005 meeting, Jim Rosen presented a slide presentation on 'Australian Currency': he included security definitions and named the famous Australian dignitaries that adorn Australian paper money. This program was well received". Several LNSers were involved and committed to the recent American Numismatic Association (ANA) July 2005 'World's Fair of Money', in San Francisco, California, and *among those* were **Gordon R. Donnell, Gene C. Hoy, Alvin H.W. Lo, Michael M. Stanley, Michael S. Turrini,** and **Dr. Michael F. Wehner.** LNS had been declared one of the three (3) *'Honorary Host Clubs'*.

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB Retiring President **Stephen Kramer** and new President **Chuck White**. After ten (10) years, LVCC President **Stephen Kramer** announced his intention to 'set-down': 'After ten years, I feel it is time for a new face at the front of the room Maybe it could be yours!". *Sidebar:* I have observed and associated with **Mr. Kramer** these past few years and commend him for his enthused, energized, and enlightened leadership, carrying and burdening many chores with the LVCC: President, promotion, meeting arrangements, hosting the Annual Picnic, coin show coordination, and other duties. He has been certainly one human spark-plug and dynamo! The LVCC nominated and voted for his successor at the Club's July 19, 2005 meeting, and it is **Chuck White**. June 11, 2005 Annual Barbecue was also longtime LVCC booster, local coin dealer, and regular fixture at northern California coin events **Howard Kosanke's** last attendance, having now relocated to Oregon, and as mentioned in the LVCC's July 2005: He Is missed already". *Best Wishes To Both*! Other new LVCC Officers are: **Phil Fleschler**, Vice-President, **Terry Garner**, Treasurer, with **Tom Wallace**, Secretary,

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Current President **Sarah Nordin**. PCNS' only third 'Lady President', Professor **Sarah Nordin** of Solano Community College, interrupted her full academic schedule and spoke on *'Cons With Cash'* during the recent American Numismatic Association (ANA) 'World's Fair of Money', in San Francisco, California, on Saturday, July 30, 2005. She was not the only PCNSer invited and scheduled to speak on the 'World's Fair of Money' 'Numismatic Theatre' bill; in addition, there were **Jerry F. Schimmel**, *'San Francisco Historic Forts 1890—1920: Architecture and Exonumia'*, **Donald R. Barsi,** *'Jack London and the Barsi Family Connection'*, **Frank Strazzarino** and **Michael S. Turrini**, *'The Magic City: 1939 and 1940 Golden Gate International Exposition (GGIE)'*, **David W. Lange**, *'Collecting Mercury Dimes'*, and **Herbert Miles**, *'Numismatic Antecedents of Low #54: 'Am I Not A Woman and A Sister' Token'. Pretty Impressive Showing From PCNS! And, There Could Be More Not Listed!* Earlier, PCNS held its Annual Banquet at San Francisco, California's Delancey Street Restaurant on Saturday, June 25, 2005 with **Richard Webster** and **Herbert Miles** calling the famous and infamous Bingo. Ask them about some 'dancing frog or stuff animal'. *Something Strange.* Later, on July 27, 2005, the PCNS held its regular Fourth Wednesday meeting at the American Numismatic Association (ANA) 'World's Fair of Money' and heard Youth Numismatist **Steven Caywood** speak on *'A History of the Solidus'*.

PENINSULA COIN CLUB Current President **Xan Chamberlain**. Your Assistant Editor commends here **Xan Chamberlain**, who assisted very much with the American Numismatic Association (ANA) 'World's Fair of Money' 'Numismatic Theatre', this past July 2005 in San Francisco, California. **Xan** gave freely of his time, taking away from many other convention activities, and was ready help and support for the record number of 'Numismatic Theatre' presenters. *Thanks, **Xan!*** Speaking of **Xan**, last April 2005, he was reelected as the PCC's President, with Junior Member **Seri Stone** as Vice-President,

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Fred G. van den Haak as Treasurer, and **Bruce Greenblatt** as Editor. At the June 13, 2005 PCC meeting, **Michael S. Turrini** returned, after three (3) years, with his audience participation *'Counting Us I'* program: "Many interesting statistics were collected and compared between the June 2005 member attendees and those present three years earlier. Of special note was the fact that member **Edgar D. Fulwider** has been collecting coins for seventy-four (74) years, 1931-2005). He, thus, beat out our former champ, Member **John Browne**, by a few years. That is truly an Olympic achievement, **Ed**, and we all salute you!".

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB Current President **Merle Avila**. The RECC reported, in sadness that longtime member and booster **Roy Roberts** passed away last June 16, 2005. Although both he and his wife, **Helen**----*who herself served a record twenty-nine (29) years as the Club's Treasurer*---- had been restricted in recent years, they continued faithfully to serve the Club. In fact, **Roy** himself was a Board of Directors member continuously from 1960 to 1994 and then served as the Club's Auctioneer until very recently. During his long tenure, he served as the Club's Treasurer and was elected to five terms as its President. At the RECC's July 13, 2005 meeting, President **Merle Avila** degreed '*Roy Remembrance Night'*, and several members spoke and shared stories about **Roy**, as well as **Helen**. Among those were **Merle Avila, Jack Free, Lee H. Gong, Curtis Smith**, and **Michael S. Turrini**. Dr. Charles Catlett, Editor of the RECC's monthly newsletter, noted that Roy had that gift of "always welcoming and coaxing those to join and to give the Club a try", and he had been instrumental in "keeping the Club going when it looked like interest was waning".

RENO COIN CLUB Current President **Paul Williams**. The RCC writes that it is seeking to host the American Numismatic Association (ANA) Convention in July 2009, in Reno, Nevada. We wish our neighbors well in their pursuit as it would be convenient for us Californians to drive I-80 across Stateline into the Silver State.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB Current President **Bud Randolph**. The SVCC witness a visit by your Assistant Editor last June 22, 2005, when he traveled to the SVCC to present his slide-illustrated *'First Strike Ceremony Silver Eagles San Francisco Mint'*: very interesting and informative program thanks to **Michael** or better know as **Stan**". Earlier the SVCC held its Annual Picnic at Sacramento, California's Rusch Park coordinated by **Bud Brakowiecki**. The SVCC was honored with its Silver Jubilee, Twenty-Five (25) Years of Membership, in the American Numismatic Association (ANA) this past July 29, 2005, in San Francisco, California when President **Bud Randolph** received the mounted certificate from ANA Past President **John Wilson** and Executive Director **Chris Cipolleti**.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB Current President **Ray Johnson**. July 13, 2005 SJCC meeting was the Club's 'Annual Youth Night', and the 'Night's' featured speaker was Junior Member **Ryan Johnson** who "spoke of the events conditions, and people from one of his favorite periods, the 'Fabulous Fifties', while including interesting information on coins and currency of the decade. He even preceded his presentation with a little '50s music. **Ryan** followed his talk with the answers to a twenty-five (25) question 'Fifties Quiz' that he had passed out earlier. Member **Ed Flemate** brought in part of his collection of '50s memorabilia to display and to share with the members. **Ed's** stuff included a miniature juke box, magazines, pictures, et cetera. It was a fun evening of food and nostalgia". **Sally Johnson** and her helpers, **Nancy Perkins, Patricia Russ, Gwen Stanford, Ryan Johnson, Tony Yu, Don Barsi**, and **Martha Davis** cooked and served a menu of hot dogs, macaroni salad, potato salad, baked beans, and more, making it actually a combination 'Youth' and 'Hot-Dog' Nights. All this was followed by twenty-two (22) Show 'n Tells. *Wow! What A Night!*

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB *Acting* President **Gordon R. Donnell**. The June 24, 2005 SFCC meeting had Treasurer **Michael S. Turrini** share his *'Yap Stones'*, two too, with those present.

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Earlier, **Ken Barr,** who braved the traffic on I-280, came and shared '*Six Things I Found On My Desk Today*': "he showed satirical notes, New Jersey National Banknotes, macerated currency items, a framed 1876 Exposition Certificate, American Banknote Company salesman's sample vignette, and much more, all from his desk". Since so many SFCCers were involved with the recent 'World's Fair of Money', its intended July 29, 2005 meeting was cancelled, the first recorded since the Club's founding since 1960.

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB Current President **Harry W. Davis**. The SSRC held its Quarterly Drawing at its June 9, 2005 with these lucky winners: **Bill Bartz, Paula Krhla, Maria Williams, Wilfreda Bartz, Rodney Baker, Briita Ehlers, Jan Henke**, and two 'Bob's': **Bob Belleau** and **Bob Tedder**. The SSRC shall gather during the Sunday, September 18, 2005 Fairfield Coin Club's Sixteenth (16th) Annual Fairfield Show, at 1:3 0 PM, and this open meeting is planned for on the Stage of the main Assembly Room of the Fairfield Community Center. Information on the SSRC can be telephoned to 707-483-5283.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB *Interim* President **Terry Woodward**. Going back a few months, the SCCC held its 'Annual Other Hobbies Night' last June 9, 2005 with these participants: **Terry Woodward**, Rolls-Royce (No, not the famous vehicle, but medals with Rolls-Royces!), **David and John Ramczyk**, Quartz Crystals, **Dolly Sauls**, Barbie Dolls, **Rich Sauls**, Bass Fishing Lures, **Mike Tandy**, Die-Cast Models, **Gary Kailes**, USS Constitution, **Laurie Heffner**, Nevada Casino Chips, **Mark Garcia**, Star Wars, **Bob Swain**, Local Issue Tokens, **Sandy Woodward**, Hummel and Cross-Stitching, **Aaron Brown**, Poke-Man Trading Cards, **Frank Ramczyk**, Antique Fishing Lures, **Ginny Ramczyk**, Croquet and Cross-Stitching, **Kay DeBoard**, Walking Club, and **Lloyd Solomon**, Root Beer Bottles. Later, at the June 22, 2005 meeting, Lloyd Solomon would present an interesting program on '*Confederate Money*': "he showed five interesting books on Confederate Money, and also, a book on money and what it really looked like at that time".

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Current President **Harry W. Davis**. Two important announcements from the VNS: *First*, at long last, the Society seems to have located an ideal new, and permanent, meeting site: 'Round Table Pizza, 2633 Springs Road, off Rollingwood, in the Springhill Center, next to Walgreen's, in east Vallejo, California'. The VNS continues to meet on the First Wednesday evening, with 5:00 PM, no-host dinner, and 6:30 PM, meeting. The VNS gathers in the rear banquet room, and the Springhill Center has ample free parking. *Second*, the VNS has set its Thirty-Fourth (34th) Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show for Sunday, May 7, 2006, at Lodge Hall, 2850 Redwood Parkway, off Admiral Callaghan, in Vallejo, California, hours 9:00 AM To 4:00 PM. Bourse Coordinator remains **Harry W. Davis**, and he may be reached at '*2900 Georgia, Vallejo, California, 94591-6602*' with telephone contacts via 707-642-0216. E-mail inquiries may be EMPERORI@juno.com. Looking ahead, the VNS and neighboring Fairfield Coin Club have their Nineteenth (19th) Annual Joint Christmas Party set for Saturday, December 10, 2005 returning to Anheuser-Busch Brewery in Fairfield, California and with William A. Bright, Publisher F+W Publications, as the Master of Ceremonies. In addition, it is reminded that the VNS is the local host coin club for the Sixth (6th) Annual California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Northern California Educational Symposium, held in Vallejo, California at the local Vallejo Naval and Historic Museum, on Saturday, October 29, 2005. A flier is reproduced as page 12 with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue.

VISALIA COIN CLUB Current President **David Shankel**. The VCC is planning a possible another medal, and read that its former Secretary/Editor **Cameron Kiefer** seems to be doing well working for a coin grading service in Denver, Colorado. Editor Sandra Arie noted that the recent "heat of Summer here with triple digit temperatures and finding ways to keep cool is not easy, and so on the Fourth of July, we celebrate our country's independence with the lighting of hot fireworks!".

The Northern California Numismatic Association **'President's Medal'**
Instituted August 9, 2005

Article I---Rationale

Whereas the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), in adhering to its purposes, knows the need for recognition to those who enhance and advance the Association and/or numismatics here in northern California, whereas the Association wants to reward its diligent and devoted Individual Members as needed, and whereas an additional honor is needed along with the esteemed and coveted 'Ron Miller Memorial Award', the 'Miller Medal', the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) hereby establishes and endows plus grants its President the power and prerogative to present and to bestow a perpetual recognition titled the *'President's Medal'*.

Article II---Medal

1. The *'President's Medal'* shall be a uniface off-medal, golden bronze, having the Association's well-known Gold Miner logo as the obverse and the reverse blank for engraving of this wording: PRESIDENT'S MEDAL, full and proper name of recipient (which may be shorten for space and engraving needs), and date of presentation (which may be done in numerals).
2. Recipients of a *'President's Medal'* shall be listed and published as 'President's Medal Recipient'.
3. Only a uniface golden bronze engraved medal shall be presented, and it shall not include any certificate, citation, small plaque, or trophy. The *'President's Medal'* shall be housed (mounted) in a suitable coin/medallion holder.
4. The number of *'President's Medals'* shall not exceed five (5) per calendar year, and all such Medals presented must be dated and done within the calendar year. Neither the President nor the Association shall be obligated nor compelled to present any number of *'President's Medals'* in any given year. There shall be no 'carry-over' into following years if less than five (5) were presented in a previous year.
5. The Board of Directors may direct the President to present a *'President's Medal'*, at any time and for any reason and onto any person, and such Medals so directed shall not be count into nor be deducted against the five (5) maximum per calendar year.
6. Only the Board of Directors may authorized additional *'President's Medals'* over the five (5) maximum.

Article III---Eligibility and Criteria

1. The decision and action of presenting a *'President's Medal'* shall be the right and responsibility of the President, but only during his time and term of office and only if done and dated before his or her term and time ends.
2. The decision and action are understood to be in the judgement of the President, guided by this Policy along with requests and recommendations from the Board of Directors as well as solicitations and suggestions from the membership, both Individual and Club Members.
3. Although no specific eligibility and criteria have been denoted, the President, in his or her judgement and choice, shall recognize only the Association's Individual Members and/or other numismatic participants, whose devotion and diligence are, and have been, repeatedly exemplary, long-standing, dedicated, and generous.
4. A President cannot present any such Medals unto him or herself nor to his or her family or relative.
5. Couples, husband and wife, may be honored, and as such be counted as one (1) Medal presented. Only persons may be recognized, not organizations nor identities.
6. Posthumously presentations are to be avoided, save in the most extraordinary circumstances.

Article IV---Procedure

1. Since this Medal is the right and responsibility of the President while he or she is the Association's President, he or she, or his or her designate, shall be the one to present and to bestow, as convenient and required, but in a manner fitting and proper to the Recipient and the Association.
2. All *'President's Medals'* must be dated and done within the calendar year, and no 'carry-over' shall be allowed.

Article V---Provisions

1. This *'President's Medal'* shall be perpetual, and it shall be a authorized recognition of and by this Association.
2. No person shall ever be presented more than one *'President's Medal'* by the same President.
3. The Association's Board of Directors shall enjoy absolute and final authority and supervision of this Medal.
4. The Association shall exercise any and all powers to protect and to maintain the integrity, uniqueness, and quality of this Medal.
5. The Association for posterity and publication shall maintain a permanent and complete record and roster of this Medal, and periodically publish a roster listing the Recipients' full and proper names, the date of presentations, the venue of presentations, and the President.
6. These *'President's Medals'* shall not misconstrue nor misrepresent the similar engraved *'Token of Esteems'*, that are for appreciation and gratitude rendered for the Association's events and its Nor-Cal Shows.
7. A quorum for motions and votes concerning this Medal shall be declared in the Association's Bylaws.
8. This Policy, as adopted and amended, is declared and interpreted as a Standing Rule of the Association, and the Association's Bylaws shall govern.

California State Numismatic Association (CSNA)

Sixth Annual (6th) Northern California

EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Theme: *'Enjoying More Than Just Coins'*

<u>*Saturday,* OCTOBER 29, 2005</u>

9:00 AM: *Registration and Get-A-Acquainted Hour*

10:00 AM to 4:30 PM: *Program and Activities*

<u>Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum</u>

<u>734 Marin Street</u>, *at Marin and Capital*

downtown **<u>Vallejo, California</u>**

Second Floor, *Heritage Theater* (Old City Council Chambers)

Four Speakers----Exhibits----Museum Open----Drawings----Free Admission----*More!*

Ample Free Street and Off-Street Parking----Easy Access----Elevator To Second Floor

Host: **Vallejo Numismatic Society**

Moderator: **Harry W. Davis**, *President, Vallejo Numismatic Society*

Coordinator: **Michael S. Turrini**, *Treasurer, Vallejo Numismatic Society*

Museum Director and Co-Host: **James E. Kern**

<u>Presenters and Topics/*Tentative* Titles</u>

Robert E. Sather, *Rio Vista, California*

'The California Viking' shares his collection and passion

'Norse-American Centennial Medals and Memorabilia'

Phillip Iversen, *Sherman Oaks, California*

CSNA's Membership Coordinator brings back childhood memories

'Circus Comes To Town: Ringling Brothers Collectibles'

Paul R. Johnson, *Toronto/Unionville, Ontario, Canada*

Leading Canadian numismatic leader excites about our northern neighbor and friendship

'Forty Years Extolling Coin Friends and Canadian Numismatics'

O.L. Wallis, *San Rafael, California*

CSNA's Past President and avid numismatist presents a nautical numismatic saga

'Admiral Dewey: Victor At Manila and His Collectibles'

Directions: To reach the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, drive I-80 to Vallejo, California. Take the Georgia Street Exit **WEST**. Drive west about two miles to downtown Vallejo, and turn **RIGHT** at Sonoma Blvd, Highway 29. Drive **NORTH** two blocks and turn **LEFT** at Capital Street. Museum is one block **WEST** on the left at the corner of Marin and Capital. Parking is located on street and behind the Museum. *Note:* On Saturday mornings, there is a 'farmers market' in downtown Vallejo.

Food Service: A luncheon is anticipated. Several eateries are located within walking distance.

Exhibits: The Museum has allowed space in its *Hall of History*, First Floor, for exhibits and displays. Exhibitors are welcomed. Recognitions would be awarded.

Information: Write: *'PO Box 4281, Vallejo, California, 94590-0428'*. Telephone Either: *510-547-0518* or *707-246-6327* E-Mail: EMPERORI@juno.com. Museum: *707-643-0077* with e-mail at: valmuse@pacbell.net.

Lodging: Write to above post office box for information about local area motels.

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COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These coin show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a show listed, please send all pertinent show information early to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 49306-0484. You may also e mail the information to: fredvdh@gmail.com

Sept. 18, 2005 FAIRFIELD. Fairfield Coin Club 16th Annual Coin Show. Fairfield Community Center,1000 Kentucky at Pennsylvania in downtown Fairfield, Fairfield. Bourse/ Info: Bob Tedder @707-483-5283 or email: FCC-info@direcway.com

Oct. 15-6, 2005 STOCKTON. Delta Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Attendance: Free. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, Ca. 95205 Phone: (209) 982-5961, e mail: ruben111@go.co

Oct. 22-3, 2005 FRESNO. Fresno Numismatic Society 39th Annual Coin Show, Las Palmas Masonic Temple, 2992 E. Clinton Ave., Fresno. Bourse: Ruth Phillips, 227 N. Duke Ave., Fresno, Ca. 93727. (Admission $1)

Oct. 29, 2005 VALLEJO. CSNA Northern California 6th Annual Educational Symposium, Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin at Capital, in downtown Vallejo. Registration begins at 9AM with the programs starting at 10AM. Host Club: Vallejo Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0428. Information: Phone (510) 547-0518 or (707) 246-6327. E Mail: EMPERORI@juno.com

Nov. 13, 2005 San Jose. Peninsula Coin Club 26th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Ph.:(650) 498-4158 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com

Nov. 27, 2005 CONCORD. Diablo Numismatic Society 9th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show, Concord Veterans Memorial Building, 2290 Willow Pass Road, Concord. Bourse: Mike Stanley, 2107 Gill Drive, Concord, Ca. 94510-2232. e mail: xsteamerx@aol.com or Information: Ph: (925) 825-0649

Dec. 3-4, 2005 FREMONT. NorCal VI Coin Show *(The "N.C.N.A.")
*[Formerly N.C.N.A. Jack Tar/Cathedral Hill Show], Fremont Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Bourse Info: Vince Lacariere (510) 792-1511

Jan. 13-5, 2006	SAN JOSE. San Jose 38th Coin, Stamp and Collectors Show, Parkside Hall, between Park Ave. and San Carlos St. Near Market Street (next to the Tech. Museum), San Jose. Information: John Sarti, (408) 910-7654 or E Mail: wheatcoinman@yahoo.com Also: See web page at www.sanjosecoinclub.org. Admission $3.
Feb. 19, 2006	SAN JOSE. "Cupertino" Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Admission Adults $2, 17 and under free. Bourse: Bruce Braga (408) 865-0720 & 408-839-1883 or write to: Cupertino Club, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, Ca. 95015-0448
May 7, 2006	VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society 34th Annual Show, Vallejo Elk's Lodge, 2850 Redwood Parkway, off Admiral Callaghan, Vallejo. Bourse: Harry W. Davis, 900 Georgia, Vallejo, Ca. 94591-6602. Information Phone numbers: (707) 642-0216, (707) 246-6327 or (510) 547-0518 or E Mail: EMPERORI@juno.com
June 18, 2006	ALAMEDA. Alameda Coin Club Show, Alameda High School Gym, on Oak Street at Central, Alameda. Bourse and Info: Tom Gesner, P.O. Box 1230, El Cerrito, Ca. 94530. Phone: (510) 923-4216 (days).
Nov. 12, 2006	San Jose. Peninsula Coin Club 27th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Ph.:(650) 498-4158 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com

Vallejo Numismatic Society

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Member of ANA, CSNA, and NCNA

RUPTURED DUCK ISSUE
IN BRIGHT *OR* ANTIQUE FINISH IN BOTH SILVER AND BRONZE

The Vallejo Numismatic Society is now accepting orders for its 'Ruptured Duck' Issue. This medal shall be issued in **both** .999 fine silver and bronze in **both** bright proof and antique finishes. You may order *either* composition *or* finish that you prefer. There is no limit on the number of orders. *Note:* These medals shall **not** be serial numbered.

This issue, continuing the series of Vallejo Numismatic Society club medals, honors the World War II 'Ruptured Duck' and the Sixtieth (60th) Anniversary, 1945-2005, of the conclusion of the Second World War, and it was designed by Jan D Henke, of Fairfield, California.

The 'Ruptured Duck' was a term given by returning Second World War veterans to a metal lapel pin that they could wear if honorably discharged for service between 1939 through 1945. The 'Duck' was actually an eagle.

Silvers, *in either finish,* are $20.00 each, and **bronzes, *in either finish*, are $5.00 each**. If mailing is required, a flat charge of $3.00 is required. Deadline is **October 1, 2005**.

Make remittances payable to *'Vallejo Numismatic Society'*, and mail to *'Dr. Rodney W. Baker, 240 Fernwood Way Dixon, California, 95629-3721'*.

Questions may be directed to the above address or telephone *707-678-2666* or with e-mail at drrodbaker@juno.com Inquiries about the Vallejo Numismatic Society may be to *'PO Box 4281, Vallejo, California, 94590-0428'* or *707-642 0216* or EMPERORI@juno.com.

Anticipated delivery is planned for November 2005.

No additional medals from prior issues exist.

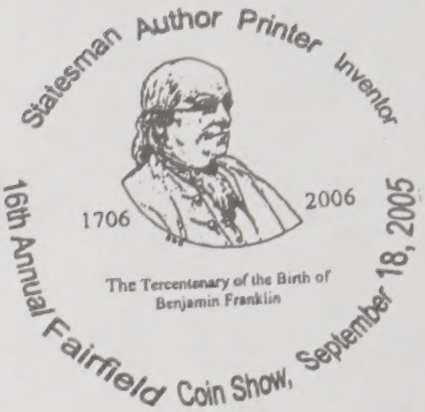
(Detached From Above) **ORDER FORM**----Vallejo Numismatic Society's **'RUPTURED DUCK MEDAL'**

Make Check Payable to: *'Vallejo Numismatic Society'* Ordering Deadline: **October 1, 2005**
Send Order Form to: *Rod Baker, 240 Fernwood Way, Dixon, CA 95629-3721*

		Quantity	Total Price
Your Name_____	**Bright Silver** @ $20.00 each	_____	$_____
	Antique Silver @ $20.00 each	_____	$_____
	Bright Bronze @ $ 5.00 each	_____	$_____
Mailing Address_____	**Antique Bronze** @ $5.00 each	_____	$_____
	Flat rate postage *If Mailed*		$ 3.00

City/State/Zip+4_____ Grand Total $_____

Fairfield Coin Club



The Tercentenary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin

In Antique finish in both silver and bronze.

The Fairfield Coin Club is now accepting orders for its "Benjamin Franklin" issue. The medal shall be issued in both .999 silver and bronze and will have an antique finish. There is no limit on the number of orders.

This issue commemorates the 300th Anniversary of the Birth of Benjamin Franklin. He was one of the founding fathers of our country. He was a Printer, Author, Inventor, and Statesman.

This issue will also commemorate the Sixteenth Annual Fairfield Coin Show which will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2005 at the Fairfield Community Center, 1100 Kentucky Street, Fairfield, California.

The Antique Silver medals are price at $23.00 each and the Antique Bronze medals are priced at $4.00 each. If mailing is required, a flat $3.00 charge is required. The deadline for ordering is November 10, 2005

Make remittances payable to the Fairfield Coin Club and mail to Dr. Rodney W. Baker, 240 Fernwood Way, Dixon, CA 95620-3721.

Questions may be directed to the above address or telephone 707-678-2666 or send an e-mail to drrodbaker@juno.com

Anticipated delivery is planned for December 2005.

ORDER FORM (detach from above)—Fairfield Coin Club's "Benjamin Franklin"

Make Check Payable to: Fairfield Coin Club. Ordering Deadline: November 10, 2005
Send Order Form to: Rod Baker, 240 Fernwood Way, Dixon, CA 95620-3721.

		Quantity	Total Price
Your Name_____	Silver $23.00 each	_____	$_____
Mailing Address_____	Bronze $4.00 each	_____	$_____
City/Stat/Zip+4_____	Flat Rate Postage		$ 3.00
	Grand Total		$_____